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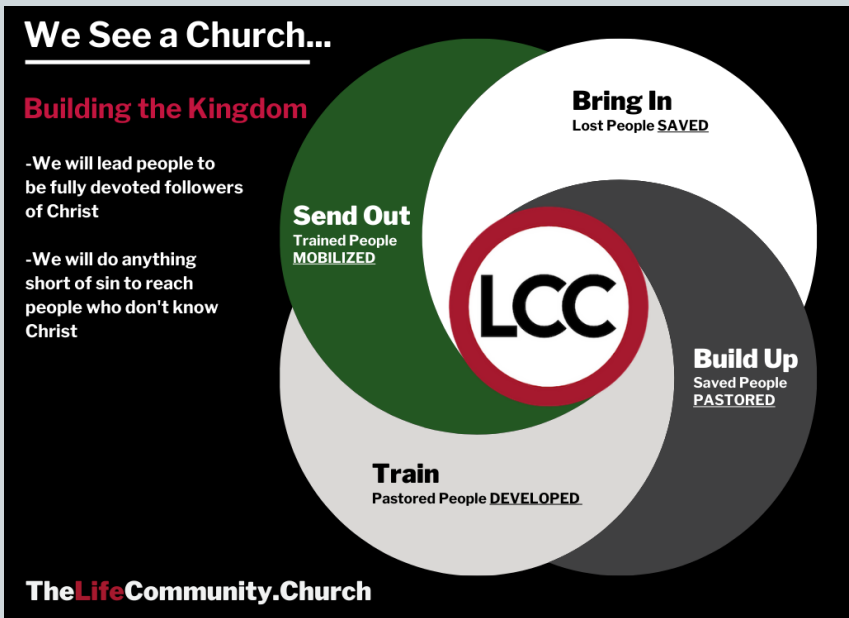


TheLifeCommunity.Church

# New to TheLifeCommunity.Church? Open Door Is For You!

We don't have church membership, we have partners who call us their church home. Open Door is where you learn how you can partner with us to impact our community and lead people to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

We want to get to know you. Join us at Open Door to meet the staff and learn more about partnering with TheLifeCommunity.Church. We'll provide the meal and LifeKids ministry for kids 0 through 5th grade; you come ready to eat and mingle!



# Aligning Values

**We will honor Christ and His church with integrity.**

If we live with integrity nothing else matters. If we don't live with integrity nothing else matters.

**We will do anything short of sin to reach people who don't know Christ.**

To reach people no one is reaching, we'll have to do things no one is doing.

**We always bring our best.**

Excellence honors God and inspires people.

**We give up things we love for things we love even more.**

It's an honor to sacrifice for Christ and His church.

**We are spiritual contributors, not spiritual consumers.**

The church does not exist for us. We are the church and we exist for the world.

**We are faith-filled, big-thinking, bet-the-farm risk takers.**

We'll never insult God with small thinking and safe living.

**We will lead the way with irrational generosity.**

We truly believe it is more blessed to give than to receive.

**We are all about the "capital C" Church.**

The local church is the hope of the world, and we know we can accomplish infinitely more together than apart.

**We will laugh hard, loud, and often.**

Nothing is more fun than serving God with people you love.

**We wholeheartedly reject the label mega-church.**

We are a micro-church with a mega-vision.

# For You and Your Family

## Experience

### ***Come as you are.***

At LCC, you'll be welcomed into a friendly, casual environment. Each hour-long service is packed with high-energy worship music and thought-provoking teaching from Senior Pastor Craig Groeschel.



## LifeGroups

### ***Growing better together.***

LifeGroups are the people you can grow, laugh, and serve with. We have groups for men, women, couples, students, athletes, and more! No matter where you are in life, you'll find a place to belong.

## LifeMissions

### ***Restoration through relationships.***

Every person on this earth matters to God. LCC helps fight poverty, provide relief, and bring freedom to the oppressed through partnerships with global and local organizations.



### ***For kids birth-5th grade.***

Each weekend while you attend the service, LifeKids learn about who God is and who they are because of Him through age-specific lessons, small groups, and trusted adult leadership.

## SWITCH

### ***For students 6th-12th grade.***

Our student ministry, Switch, meets every Wednesday night. Switch addresses real issues teens face each day through small group discussion, worship, and relevant teaching.



**Everything LCC  
at your fingertips.**

Download the ChurchCenter App today.

TheLifeCommunity.Church wants to make a lasting difference in your life and in our community.

Our mission is to lead people to become fully devoted followers of Christ. That's how we're able to make a difference, and it's the driving force behind everything we do.

TheLifeCommunity.Church is in-step with Life.Church through the Open Network. We are committed to bringing Life.Church and their amazing content, programs, and development resources to Lawton.

As part of the Life.Church Open Network, we have access to 25-years' worth of best practices and leadership development trainings.

### Your life

Wherever you are in life, you matter and you have a purpose. We want to help you become the person God has created you to be. Your journey has a next step and we'll help you find it. It could start with serving, finding God's vision for your life, giving, or joining us regularly. You don't have to take the next step alone. With a strong community of friends, you can laugh, grow, and serve with people who genuinely care about you. Find a small group, or LifeGroup, to join you on your journey.



## Your family

Strong families start with solid foundations. That's why we partner with parents to help raise the next generation to become followers of Christ. Your children and teens have opportunities throughout the week to grow relationships with each other and with God.

## Our community

We are passionate about serving the our community and demonstrating God's love to others. Whether in person or online, individually or in groups, within our church and around Lawton, we are focused on supporting and engaging in relationships that provide hope, relief, and restoration to a hurting world.

## Our leadership

Our Directional Leadership Team works together with our board of directors and several outside advisors to shape the vision and direction of TheLifeCommunity.Church.



# What We Believe

## Scripture

The Bible was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs about living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without error.

- 2 Timothy 3:16
- 2 Peter 1:20-21
- Psalm 119:105, 160, 12:6
- Proverbs 30:5
- Isaiah 55:11

## God

He has eternally existed as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The three are coequal and are one God.

- Genesis 1:1, 26, 27, 3:22
- Psalm 90:2
- Matthew 28:19
- 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Jesus

He is coequal with the Father and Holy Spirit. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven and will return again someday to earth to reign as King.

- Matthew 1:22, 23
- Isaiah 9:6
- John 1:1-5
- Hebrews 4:14-15
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
- Romans 1:3-4
- Acts 1:9-11
- Colossians 2:9-10
- 1 Timothy 6:14-15



## **Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is coequal with the Father and the Son of God. He is present in the world to make people aware of their need for Jesus Christ. He provides Christians with power for living, understanding of spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. He gives every believer spiritual gifts when they are saved. As Christians we seek to live under His control daily.

- Acts 1:8
- John 14:16-17, 16:7-13
- Galatians 5:25
- 1 Corinthians 2:12, 3:16
- Ephesians 1:13
- 2 Corinthians 13:14
- 1 Peter 1:2

## **Man**

Man is made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience toward God called "sin." Sin separates us from God and causes many problems in our life.

- Genesis 1:27
- Isaiah 53:6
- Romans 3:23
- Isaiah 59:1-2
- Psalm 139:13-16
- Colossians 2:13-15

## **Eternity**

People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life in Heaven. Heaven and hell are real places of eternal existence.

- John 3:16, 14:17
- Romans 6:23
- Revelation 20:15
- Phillipians 2:5-11
- Matthew 25:31-34 , Matthew 25:41



## Salvation

We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our self-ruled life and turn to Jesus in faith we are saved. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus Christ into his life by faith.

- Romans 6:23
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- John 14:6
- Romans 5:1, 5:8, 10:9-10

## Baptism

Baptism is symbolic of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Once we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, baptism is a way for us to publicly declare our new life in Christ. It is also a step of obedience based on God's commands and allows us to follow the example of Jesus, who submitted himself to baptism to "fulfill all righteousness."

- Matthew 3:16-17, 28:18-20
- Acts 2:41, 8:12
- Romans 6:4
- Colossians 2:12

### **In addition to Essential Beliefs, we have liberty in Non-Essential Beliefs.**

*Accept the one whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters... Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master servants stand or fall... So then each of us will give an account of ourselves to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Romans 14:1, 4, 12, 22*

*"I have the right to do anything," you say--but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"--but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others. 1 Corinthians 10:23-4*

# What's Next

## How do I grow my faith?

God wants to have a relationship with us and He's given us ways to know Him better. As we get to know God, we better understand His plan for us and we can strive to be more like Jesus.

"The reality is - it is never going to happen by accident. Spiritual growth is intentional."

Craig Groeschel, Senior Pastor

## Read the Bible

The Bible is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs about living. It's God's Word written specifically to guide us through life. Download the Bible App and find a Bible reading plan to help you make the Bible part of your everyday life.

You can also dig deeper into God's word with the *What's Next Bible Plan*.

*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*  
Psalms 119:105 NLT

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.

*It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.*  
2 Timothy 3:16 NLT



## **Make Prayer Part of Your Day**

Prayer is talking to God, and there's nothing more powerful than asking for God's help.

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.*  
Philippians 4:6 NLT

## **Listen**

Talking to God isn't a one-way street – He wants to talk to us, too. Take time to learn His voice and listen to His direction for you.

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*  
John 10:27 NLT

## **Worship**

Any time we give God credit for His goodness, we are worshipping Him. When we pray, serve, or help others in their faith, we are following God's will and showing our gratitude for who He is.

*Honor the Lord for the glory of his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.*  
Psalms 29:2 NLT



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